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VPCD-99-15 (LDV/LDT/SM)

Dear Manufacturer:

Subject: Correction to April 21, 1998 Dear Manufacturer Letter VPCD-98-05 (Revised Preconditioning for In-Use Recall Testing)

The purpose of today's Manufacturer Guidance Letter is to notify manufacturers of a correction to item 2. of VPCD-98-05, Canister Isolation. The corrected first sentence is: "Canister isolation is no longer required upon accepting a vehicle for testing, as long as the vehicle is stored inside the test facility."

This is consistent with Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR subpart B, § 86.132-96 Vehicle Preconditioning, section (a), which states that "During storage in the test area while awaiting testing, the fuel tank cap(s) may be in place."

Any questions regarding this correction should be directed to Mr. Andy Brooks (202 564-9246) or Mr. Emmet Arndt (202 564-9239) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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